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Czech-Bulgar Friendship Also Stressed at Sofia Meeting

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SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 12—Premier Antonio Zapotocky of Czechoslovakia and Bulgarian Foreign Minister Vassil Kolarov both lauded the Soviet Union's leadership of the "people's democracies" at a mammoth meeting here today.

M. Zapotocky also spoke of the close friendship and collaboration between his country and Bulgaria, and stressed the importance of Czechoslovak industrial assistance to Bulgaria.

Referring to the trial of Bulgarian Protestant pastors that is being placed on the agenda of the United Nations General Assembly, Mr. Kolarov said, "We shall not allow imperialists to interfere in our internal affairs."